



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on March 13, 2013, at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Steven Pound; Vice Chair Nancy Perkins; Martha Harris; Peter Geiger; William Beardsley; Nichi Farnham; and Kristin Bishop.

Excused: Jana Lapoint; Heidi Sampson; Ande Smith; and Chelsey Whynot

Also present were: Commissioner Stephen Bowen; Scott Brown, Director of School Facilities; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Steven Pound called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by Chair, Steven Pound: The Vision of the State Board is to prepare Maine public school graduates with the skills and knowledge needed to be college, career, citizenship and life ready.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the February 13, 2013 minutes as written.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

RECEIPT OF THE REVIEW TEAM REPORT OF FINDINGS CONCERNING THE APPLICATION FOR INITIAL DEGREE-GRANTING AUTHORIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE INTERCOAST CAREER INSTITUTE TO CONFER ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREES

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Consent Agenda.



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; SITE APPROVAL CONSIDERATION; RSU 64 CORINTH – GRADES PREK-5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**STATEMENT OF FACT:** Superintendent Daniel Higgins requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Corinth, Maine, for a new PreK-5 school. The new school will replace elementary schools in Corinth, Bradford, Hudson, Kenduskeag, and Stetson.

The proposed site is a 76 acre parcel purchased by the school district in 1989. To date it has not been used for educational purposes. Forty of the acres have been actively farmed in recent years and the remaining land is wooded wetlands. Of the 40 useable acres, 19 will be used for the elementary school and associated playfields, roadways, parking facilities, etc.

The site is 1.2 miles from the middle school and the high school and is located on Route 15 which is a well maintained road through Corinth. Bill Hoffman, the Civil Engineer working on the project, has contacted and received verbal approval from all appropriate State agencies.

The Site Approval Application has been received and is on file in the Department. We recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU #64 for the site in Corinth as described above.

**Project Information:** Project: New elementary school in RSU #64

Superintendent: Daniel Higgins

Site Engineer Firm: DeLuca-Hoffman Associates

Total number of acres: 76

**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** The Construction Committee considered the RSU #64 Site Approval request at its meeting on March 4, 2013. The Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU #64 for construction of a new elementary school in Corinth, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

**COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION:** The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to RSU #64 for construction of a new elementary school in Corinth, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger and unanimously voted by those present to grant Site Approval to RSU #64 for construction of a new elementary school in Corinth, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.



## REQUEST APPROVAL OF STATE OF MAINE YEAR SEVEN (7) REVISIONS AND REQUEST TO EXTEND THE SIX-YEAR PLAN FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support career and technical education, §122 of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated “eligible agency” in each State—in Maine’s case, the State Board of Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. The Eligible Agency must send in a revised budget, any revisions to the plan, any request to extend and the agreed upon performance indicators for that grant period each Grant year covered by the plan.

Following the Guidance for the Submission of State Plan Revisions, Budgets, and Performance Levels for Program Year Seven Perkins IV Grant Awards - issued by the U.S. Office of Vocational and Adult Education on December 7, 2012 (OMB #1830-0029) the Maine Department of Education Career and Technical Education Team has prepared the year seven (7) State plan revisions covering the grant period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

The year seven (7) revisions include:

- A Revised budget for the grant period covering July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
- FAUPL with State Proposed Performance levels for the Consolidated Annual Report (CAR) indicators
- The grant revision requested to increase the number of Programs of Studies required to apply for Perkins funding by locals

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board approve the State of Maine Year VII revisions, budget and Proposed Performance Indicators for the Year seven extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014.

MOVED by William Beardsley, seconded by Nancy Perkins and unanimously voted by those present to approve the State of Maine Year VII revisions, budget and Proposed Performance Indicators for the Year seven extension of the Six Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) for the grant year July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014.

## LETTER TO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES REGARDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) AND PERKINS FUNDING

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present to send a letter to the Congressional Delegates regarding Career and Technical Education and Perkins Funding.



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN 2012 – 2015

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by Peter Geiger and voted five in favor with one member abstained (Nichi Farnham) to approve the Maine State Board of Education Strategic Plan as written for 2012 – 2015.

State Public Charter School Commission – Approval of one State Board Member to Serve on the Commission (Ande Smith to replace James Banks, Sr.)

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Martha Harris and unanimously voted by those present to appoint Ande Smith as a member of the State Public Charter School Commission.

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

#### **Chair, Steven Pound:**

- He represents the State Board of Education on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Council (appointed by the Governor). On February 14, the Council met with the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee to present a report on where the STEM Council is going and the funds needed to support their work.
- On February 22, he participated in a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Director's conference call.
- On February 26 – 27, he participated in an Educate Maine Legislative Retreat. The Teacher of the Year representatives were in attendance. Part of the second day was canceled due to inclement weather. The Commissioner and Peter Geiger were also in attendance.
- On March 4, the Legislative Leadership Committee met and reviewed bills.
- On March 4, he met with the Career and Technical Education Committee.
- The Commissioner and he met for Agenda Review on March 4.
- On March 5, he participated on a Maine Adult Education Board conference call. The discussion was on Career Pathways and National Certifications.
- He belongs to the Council of Chairs which is Eastern Maine Healthcare System as well as the Penobscot Job Corp.
- He handed out the budget report and gave a brief description of where the Board is regarding their budget to date. He is hoping to send four new members to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) New Member Institute in July. Two Board member's cost would be covered by NASBE. The other two would be covered by the Professional Development Account. The NASBE Annual Conference takes place on July 28–30 and the New Board Member Institute is July 27-31, 2013.



**Vice Chair, Nancy Perkins:**

***Report of Meetings:***

➤ ***Certification and Higher Education Committee Report:***

The Certification and Higher Education Committee met February 25. Unfortunately, they were missing key members, Mark Cyr was ill and Heidi Sampson was unable to attend. The Higher Education position had not been filled. She and Jana Lapoint were the only members in attendance. The Committee reviewed information regarding Chapter 118 which contains the mentoring guidelines for new educators. The draft recommendations for Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) were passed out. The March meeting will continue with the agenda for February.

➤ ***Maine Educator Effectiveness Council:***

Purpose of Meeting: Fulfilling legislative charge of PL 635 which will recommend standards for implementing a system of evaluation and support of teachers and principals. She attended the Maine Effective Educator Council meeting on March 8. Brian Dorr from University of Maine at Orono (UMO) shared a Maine Education Policy Research Institute (MEPRI) survey that will be sent to superintendents concerning the evaluation process. There will be one for teachers and principals in the future. The council is refining the major components of the evaluation process. This encompasses looking at the necessary training to implement the system, the types of information collected, and the methods of providing feedback.

➤ ***New England Secondary School Consortium (NESSC):***

***Education Related Activities:***

- On February 14 and 15, she participated in the interviews for Harry Osgood's position at the Department of Education. The team interviewed nine applicants. Two names were submitted to the Commissioner for final selection.
- On February 20, she represented the Board at the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Hearing and Work Session on LD 244 "An Act to Amend the Student Membership Criteria of the State Board of Education". LD 244 changed the wording on the requirements for student representation on the Board. The wording was changed to "must attend school in the congressional district"; the wording did say "must live in the congressional district". This will resolve the confusion about the school being in one district and the student living in the other district.
- On February 21, she met with Kathy Yardley from the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) to review the Handbook for Chapter 114. In the afternoon, she attended the hearing on LD 193 "An Act to Authorize InterCoast Career Institute to Grant the Degree of Associate Degree in Applied Science". LD 193 asked "Beginning December 1, 2013, InterCoast Colleges, also known as InterCoast Career Institute, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California and registered in the State of Maine, may confer on all students who successfully complete its prescribed course of study the degree of Associate



Degree in Applied Science as is usually conferred by like institutions of higher education.” We supported the Department of Education’s (DOE’s) position of neither for nor against as the review process had not had the opportunity to follow the review procedure for this designation. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee tabled the motion until the process had been completed.

- On March 2, she met with Mark Cyr concerning the APA process for the Alternative Pathways Stakeholder’s Group recommendation for Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers. She also met with Deb Friedman concerning the InterCoast Institute review.
- On March 12, she participated in the Next Generation Science Framework phone conference. This was the wrap up for the initial work on the science standards.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

### **Martha Harris:**

#### ➤ ***Construction Committee:***

The Construction Committee met on March 4, 2013

In attendance: Martha Harris, Peter Geiger, Jim Banks, Scott Brown, Dale Doughty, Daniel Higgins, Jim Connelly and Bill Hoffman

1) Minutes from meeting of January 2, 2013 were unanimously approved.

2) Presentation of the site for RSU 64 elementary school project in Corinth Maine:

Bill Hoffman, Site Engineer presented the sites considered. The site determined to be the best for this project is 1.2 miles from the middle and high school, on route 15 on a 76 acre parcel owned by the school district. He has communicated with relevant agencies and has verbal approval for the site being used to construct a new PreK - 5 school which will replace the schools in Corinth, Bradford, Hudson, Kenduskeag and Stetson.

A conceptual drawing showed use of about 20 acres of the site for the building (600 students), parking lots, sports fields and the like.

Superintendent Higgins and school Board Vice-Chair and Building Committee Chair Connelly, explained the process RSU 64 went through before recommending this site. A straw polls of the citizens approved this proposed site by a vote of 45 -2.

Scott Brown presented the Application which is on file. The School Facilities team recommended granting RSU 64 site approval.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the State Board grant Site Approval to RSU # 64 for construction of a new elementary school in Corinth, Maine.

3) Scott Brown updated the Committee on the status of the other 5 projects. Fryeburg is expected to bring its request for site approval within the next couple of months.



There was some discussion about whether there would be a recommendation to move forward with additional projects from the list. The committee would like to do so if possible given the state's fiscal condition. The needs are great and these major construction projects are important.

Jim Banks was thanked for his service as this was his last meeting. He will be greatly missed.

### ***Education Related Activities:***

- She was not able to attend the Next Generation Science Conference as a blizzard was on the day she was to depart from Portland Jetport. She did get copies of literature that she will be reviewing.
- On February 13, she testified before the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee on LD 91, "An Act to Raise the School Construction Bond Cap".
- On March 4, she testified on LD 322, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, a Major Substantive Rule of the State Board of Education"
- On March 7, she presented written testimony to the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee on LD 485, "An Act to Amend and Clarify Certain Education Laws".
- She participated in a Legislative Leadership Committee meeting on March 4.
- She continues to serve on her local school board and they are moving ahead very quickly on standards based education. Town public hearings will take place at the end of April.
- The Penobscot River Education Partnership (PREP) held an event for leadership. It was primarily the Piscataquis, Penobscot and Hancock town officials, school board people, and legislators were invited. There were about 250 people in attendance. There were many different groups doing presentations. Jonathan Nass, Senior Policy Advisor, Governor's Office spoke and Cornelia Brown from Maine School Management also spoke at the event.

### **Kristin Bishop:**

- Over the past month, she has had many opportunities to partake in events in her community and start some projects of her own.
- As a student member she represented the Board on a National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Conference Call. They spoke with the Director at the Office of Safe and Healthy Students. The primary focus is what to do to make safe and supportive school climates; school safety (emergency plans to respond/closer to communities and families around school areas).
- On Tuesday, March 5, she attended the Proficiency Based Learning Simplified: Using Essential Questions and Learning Targets in Unit Design Webinar through the Great Schools Partnership. Her school set up a site and educators joined her. They will be doing the next one on Technology in Schools.
- She is organizing a Community Leadership Day for her school on March 29 and will be a keynote speaker and facilitator at the event. They are drawing in youth organizations from around the community and MYAN is the main part of the event.
- She has started an anti-bullying program at her school through English class; a compassion project that will be implemented in mid-May. She has arranged to



meet with the elementary school staff and principals and guidance counselors at both the middle and elementary school.

- She is preparing for Girls Unlimited at Colby College on April 5, through her role on the Girls Advisory Board at Hardy Girls Healthy Women.
- She is presenting a recycling presentation she made during Earth Week at the elementary school on April 26, for her role as the student representative on Madison's Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee.

**Nichi Farnham:**

- She is looking forward to working with all the Board members.

**William Beardsley:**

- He attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting.
- He met with the County Commissioners that have 4 million dollars to disseminate as a result of the Bull Mountain wind project. They are looking for input and ideas on how they should go with RFP's and how the money should be spent. He presented a case on how it might be very well suited for the Career and Technical Education (CTE) High Schools, not just in Hancock County, but as a model for how to disseminate money to communities in a way that directly relates to technology.
- He met with Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) to better understand the program.
- He met with some of Meg Harvey's folks in terms of better understanding how CTE works and how everything fits together.

**Peter Geiger:**

- On February 14, he attended Mrs. Skilling's wax museum at Montello School. They spent six weeks preparing kids, doing research, preparing the materials and dressing up like Thomas Edison, for example. You would go down the line, push a button, and they would get up and speak. It was very well organized.
- On February 20, he went to the Education and Cultural affairs Committee work session on LD 91, "An Act to Raise the School Construction Bond Cap". They voted unanimously "ought to pass".
- On February 26, he listened to a webinar with Arne Duncan, US Department of Education, on the sequestration.
- On March 4, he attended the Construction Committee meeting.
- He attended the Career and Technical Education Committee meeting on March 4.
- In 1988 he started a Business School Partnership in Lewiston/Auburn. Over the course of years they have had over 40 different businesses partnering with schools. The community is trying to re-engage and the Chamber is taking on the job of coordinating it. He spoke about the value of the partnerships and he commends the businesses that have taken on schools and worked with them.
- On March 11, eighteen members of his IT department welcomed five students from Lewiston Regional Technical Center (LRTC) (Poland, Lisbon and Lewiston High Schools) and their Director and they spent three hours with them on technology. This gave students information on what IT careers are about



- He is working on the Teacher of the Year Program and he gave the Board background information and an update on the program. On April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a ceremony at the Hall of Flags. He distributed a list of the finalists for this year.
- He will not be in attendance for the April 9, 2013 Board meeting as he will be in Haiti building a school.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1) Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by Martha Harris, seconded by William Beardsley, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the March 13, 2013 State Board of Education meeting at 1:52 PM.